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Edward J. Schwartzbauer Dorsey & Whitney 2200 First Bank Place East Minneapolis, MN 55402

Re: U.S. v. Reilly Tar & Chemical Corp. File No. Civ. 4-80-469

Dear Ed:

The State's contractor working on well W23 at the former Reilly Tar site has recovered substantial quantities of tar-like waste from the well. As you know, samples have been taken for analysis by the State and by consultants to Reilly Tar. Work on the well is continuing and the waste material is being stored in 55-gallon drums in a secured area adjacent to the well.

The Pollution Control Agency and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency view Reilly Tar as responsible for disposal of this waste. Would you please advise me by July 8, with a copy to EPA attorney Robert E. Leininger, what arrangements Reilly Tar is prepared to make for disposal of this waste. Mr. Leininger's address is Enforcement, Environmental Protection Agency - Region V, 230 S. Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60604.

Enclosed please find a copy of a "Notification of Hazardous Waste Activity" recently submitted by the MPCA to the EPA in regard to the work on well W23.

STEPHEN SHAKMAN Special Assistant Attorney General

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Francis X. Hermann Robert E. Leininger

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## Explanation to Part IX of the Notification of Hazardous Waste Activity Form

A well which may be plugged with coal tar or coal tar derivatives is to be investigated by a contractor to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). The well was previously used for industrial purposes by the Reilly Tar and Chemical Company. Reilly Tar has rejected requests from the MPCA and EPA to clean out the well at its expense, and is currently the subject of legal actions brought by Minnesota and the United States under \$7003 of RCRA (43 U.S.C. \$9603), \$\$106-107 of CERCLA (42 U.S.C. \$\$9607-07), and other laws. Coal tar, creosote, phenol, and numerous other chemicals believed to be in coal tar and coal tar derivatives discharged by Reilly Tar are classified as toxic hazardous constituents in 40 C.F.R. Part 261, Appendix VIII. When the material plugging the well is removed, analysis will be performed to characterize the material. If it must be handled as a hazardous waste, demand will be made on Reilly Tar to dispose of the material in accordance with RCRA regulations. If Reilly Tar is unwilling to assume responsibility for the material, the MPCA will accept responsibility as the generator for purposes of these regulations.